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SUMMARY: AMID A RAPIDLY SHIFTING SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, FOREIGN AFFAIRS HELD CENTER STAGE IN THE PRC. THE VISIT OF NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM IL-SUNG, THE CHINESE TREATMENT OF EVENTS IN CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM AND THE VISIT OF VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN TO PAKISTAN ALL POINTED UP THEBROAD RANGE OF CHINESE INTERESTS. THE APPEARANCE OF CHAIRMAN MAO AND PREMIER CHOU IN CONNECTION WITH FOREIGN VIP VISITS HIGHLIGHTED AN IMPRESSIVE PRC LEADERSHIP TURNOUT. MEANWHILE PROVINCIAL PREPARATIONS FOR NATIONAL MASS ORGANIZATION MEETINGS ARE MOVING AHEAD. END SUMMARY

1. FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THE FORE

THE RAPIDLY-CHANGED SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND ITS IMPACT ON THE REST OF THE REGION HAS BEEN THE MAJOR PREOCCUPA-
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TION OF THE PRC LEADERSHIP IN A WEEK MARKED BY THE FIRST VISIT TO PEKING SINCE 1961 BY NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM IL-SUNG AND VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN. BOTH VISITS HAVE PROVIDED PEKING WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO PRESS ITS INTERESTS AND CONCERNS AS THE PRC ASSESSES THE NEW SITUATION AND HOW BEST TO TURN IT TO ITS OWN ADVANTAGE, AND MOST PARTICULARLY, TO ENSURE THAT MOSCOW AND/OR A SOVIET-BACKED HANOI DO NOT GAIN UNCHECKED INFLUENCE IN CHINA'S

BACKYARD. ADDITIONALLY, THE LONG-SCHEDULED VISIT OF THE BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER AFFORDED THE CHINESE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE THEIR WARNINGS OF A SOVIET THREAT TO EUROPE AND THE NEED FOR A STRONG, UNITED EUROPE. CONFIDENTIAL

2. THE GRUNK VICTORY

THE MAJOR EVENT WAS CELEBRATION OF THE GRUNK/FUNK VICTORY IN CAMBODIA WITH PEKING GOING ALL OUT TO STRESS THE PROMPT SUPPORT IT GAVE GRUNK IN 1970 IN MARKED CONTRAST TO SOVIET RELUCTANCE TO JOIN THE GRUNK BANDWAGON UNTIL ALMOST THE LAST SHOT. SIHANOUK AND PENN NOUTH PLAYED TOP ROLES IN THE VISIT OF KIMIL-SUNG. THE CHINESE TREATED THE GRUNK VICTORY AS THEIR OWN, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SIHANOUK'S RESIDING IN PEKING TO REPLAY CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM ROUND THE WORLD AS IF THEY WERE ADDRESSED TO CHINA ITSELF. ALTHOUGH SIHANOUK MISSED PEKING'S GRAND RALLY (REPORTEDLY TO STAY BY HIS SERIOUSLY ILL MOTHER), PENN NOUTH WAS PRESENT WITH VICE PARTY CHAIRMAN AND DEFENSE MINISTER YEH CHIEN-YING SPEAKING FOR THE CHINESE. THE JOINT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM MAO, CHU TEH, AND CHOU EN-LAI TO SIHANOUK, PENN NOUTH AND KHIEU SAMPHAN WAS PERSONALLY DELIVERED BY HIGH-RANKING PRC LEADERS. IN THESE AND OTHER WAYS CHINA, AVERSE TO SEEING HANOI DOMINATE INDOCHINA AND WISHING TO CAPITALIZE ON ITS OWN LONG INVESTMENT IN SIHANOUK, HAS EMPHASIZED ITS HOPES FOR SIHANOUK TO PLAY A ROLE IN THE NEW CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT (SEE ALSO HONG KONG 4356, 4217 AND 4216). CONFIDENTIAL

3. KIM IL-SUNG'S VISIT

THE HURRIEDLY-ARRANGED VISIT BY KIM, HIS FIRST TO PEKING SINCE 1961, HAS BEEN VARIOUSLY REPORTED AS BEING AT THE BEHEST OF THE KOREANS OR THE CHINESE. EITHER WAY, IT PROVIDED BOTH SIDES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE NEW SITUATION IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ASIA AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THEM. THE ABSENCE OF ANY MENTION OF HANOI AND AN UNDERCURRENT OF ANTI-SOVIETISM IN THE BANQUET TOASTS SUGGEST THAT BOTH CHINA AND NORTH KOREA WISH TO AVOID SOVIET INFLUENCE FROM STRETCHING FURTHER INTO ASIA AND PERHAPS BOTH SHARE SOME SUSPICION OF HANOI'S FUTURE INTENTIONS. THE MAJOR ISSUE, HOWEVER, WAS KOREAN REUNIFICATION WITH TENG HSIAO-PING STRESSING PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION AND KIM BEING SOMEWHAT LESS CLEAR ON THE METHOD (HK 4224, PEKING U43 AND SEOUL 2757). RUMORS THAT KIM WOULD PROCEED ON TO MOSCOW HAVE BEEN SCOTCHED BY THE SOVIETS (MOSCOW 5520). CONFIDENTIAL

4. LI HSIEN-NIEN IN PAKISTAN

THIRD-RANKING VICE PREMIER (AND ECONOMIC SPECIALIST) LI HSIEN-

NIEN'S SUDDEN VISIT TO PAKISTAN JUST TEN DAYS AFTER HIS RETURN FROM AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO IRAN SUGGESTS THAT THE PAKISTANIS MAY HAVE PRESSED FOR THE VISIT IN RETURN FOR PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S MAY 1974 PEKING TRIP. LI'S BANQUET SPEECH INCLUDED NORMAL THIRD WORLD RHETORIC BUT FOCUSED ON SOUTH ASIA, ENCOURAGING "PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS FREE FROM FOREIGN INTERFERENCE" TO SETTLE THE AREA'S PROBLEMS. IN THIS REGARD, NCNA COVERAGE OF PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S BANQUET REMARKS OMITTED HIS REGRETS THAT THE PAK-AFGHANI RELATIONSHIP HAD FAILED TO IMPROVE (ISLAMABAD 3515). WHILE URGING PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS, HOWEVER, LI INCLUDED A FEW JABS AT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT BY PROMISING "RESOLUTE SUPPORT" FOR KASHMIRI SELF-DETERMINATION AND FOR SIKKIMESE RESISTANCE AGAINST THE "NAKED ANNEXATION BY THE INDIAN EXPANSIONISTS." (HK 4288) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

5. BELGIUM

ON APRIL 19, THE DAY AFTER KIM IL-SUNG'S GRAND WELCOME TO PEKING, BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS ARRIVED IN THE CHINESE CAPITAL TO BE GREETED BY VICE PREMIER CHI TENG-KUEI IN HIS DEBUT AS PRINCIPAL HOST FOR A HEAD OF STATE. LIKE KIM. TINDEMANS MET WITH MAO, CHOU EN-LAI, AND CHU TEH AND ON THE SECOND DAY OF HIS VISIT PRESIDED OVER THE SIGNING OF SINO-BELGIUM MARITIME AND CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS. TINDEMANS' BANQUET SPEECH WAS RIGHT DOWN THE CHINESE ALLEY. HE PORTRAYED BELGIUM AS "A PROVINCE OF EUROPE IN SEARCH FOR

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ITS UNITY" AND PRAISED THE RECENT LOME CONVENTION, REMARKS PARALLELLING THE PRC'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN A UNIFIED AND STRONG EUROPE AND GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD WORLDS (NCNA APRIL 20). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. CHI'S SPEECH AT THE BANQUET HONORING THE BELGIAN PROVIDED

A STRIKING CONTRAST WITH THAT OF LI HSIEN-NIEN SPEAKING THAT SAME NIGHT IN RAWALPINDI ALSO ON THE DANGER OF WORLD WAR. WHILE CHI ASSERTED THAT SUPERPOWER CONTENTION WAS "BOUND TO LEAD TO WAR," WHICH WAS SOMETHING "INDEPENDENT OF MAN'S WILL," LI MERELY PROFESSED THAT THE WAR DANGER WAS "INEVITABLY INCREASING." THE CHINESE VARIATIONS ARE PROBABLY DELIBERATELY TAILORED TO FIT THE AUDIENCE: STRESSED FOR EUROPEANS WHOSE VIGILANCE MAY NEED JACKING UP AS A RESULT OF DETENTE EFFORTS AND SOFTENED FOR THIRD WORLD LEADERS (HONG KONG 4271).
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7. U.S.

WHILE FOCUSING ON RECENT CHANGES ON THE ASIAN SCENE AMIDST CELEBRATIONS OVER CAMBODIA AND ATTENDING TO FOREIGN GUESTS, THE PRC MEDIA HAVE TREATED SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS AS A SEPARATE AND ONGOING DEVELOPMENT. NCNA HAS REPORTED THE KANSAS CITY OPENING OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS EXHIBITION, THE AMERICAN STATE UNIVERSITIES DELEGATION'S MEETING WITH THE PRC EDUCATION MINISTER, AND THE PEKING ARRIVAL OF THE WASHINGTON, D.C. MAYOR'S COMMITTEE (NCNA, APRIL 19 AND 21).
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8. IN BILATERAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, AFTER TWO YEARS OF EFFORT, THE FIRST US TRADE DELEGATION REPRESENTING A MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION (THE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION) HAS BEEN INVITED TO VISIT THE PRC IN LATE JULY (STATE 89945). FINALLY, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE VICE PRESIDENT THEROUX IS TO VISIT PEKING DURING THE CURRENT CANTON FAIR TO DISCUSS THE LONG-DELAYED PRC
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TRADE DELEGATION VISIT TO THE US WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY ARRIVE SOMETIME THIS FALL. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

9. VIETNAM

INITIAL PRC MEDIA REACTION TO THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT THEIU CONTENDS THAT ALTHOUGH THE "HONORABLE WAY" IS NOW OPEN FOR THE US TO END ALL ITS INTERFERENCE IN VIETNAM AND THUS MEET HANOI'S CONDITIONS, THE RESIGNATION ITSELF IS MERELY A PLOY BY A USG UNRECONCILED TO THE SAIGON CLIQUE'S "COMPLETE DOOM." IN HONG KONG, THE PRC-OWNED WEN WEI PAO APRIL 23 CONSIDERED THE THIEU RESIGNATION A REFLECTION OF THE LOSS OF HIS USEFULNESS TO THE US AND WARNED SIMILAR FATES COULD BEFALL THE PAK AND CHIANG CLIQUES. THE TA KUNG PAO ON THE SAME DAY QUOTED DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER PREDICTING SAIGON'S FALL BEFORE HO CHI-MINH'S BIRTHDAY ON MAY 19. UNCLAS

10. LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES

ENDING AN ABSENCE FROM THE CAPITAL OF ALMOST A YEAR AND SCOTCHING SPECULATION OF HIS IMMINENT DEMISE, CHAIRMAN MAO RETURNED TO PEKING TO WELCOME KOREAN COMRADE-IN-ARMS KIM IL-SUNG (APRIL 18) AND FOLLOWED THIS WITH AN APRIL 20 TALK WITH BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS. PREMIER CHOU ALSO RESUMED "IN HOSPITAL" TALKS BY MEETING WITH THE TWO VISITING LEADERS (WR 16). THE KIM VISIT WAS GIVEN FULL PLAY WITH POLITBURO LEADERSHIP IN THE CAPITAL PRESENT EN MASSE FOR SEVERAL OCCASIONS (HK 4224). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

11. ASIDE FROM VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, WHO IS DOING THE HONORS FOR THE VISIT ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIRMAN, PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AND STATE COUNCIL, PARTY VICE CHAIRMEN WANG HUNG-WEN AND YEH CHIEN-YING EACH HAD STARRING ROLES WITH NPC CHAIRMAN CHU TEH ALSO LENDING A HAND IN A BRIEF MEETING. HOWEVER, MOST NOTABLE IN THE APPEARANCES WAS THE HIGH PROFILE GIVEN YAO WEN-YUAN WHO, FOLLOWING THE JANUARY CONGRESS AND HIS MARCH RED FLAG ARTICLE (WR 10), HAS TAKEN ON ADDITIONAL LUSTER IN RECENT WEEKS. YAO SECONDED TENG IN TALKS WITH KIM AND THEN LED THE AIRPORT SENDOFF FOR HIM AS HE DEPARTED ON A PROVINCIAL TOUR--ANOTHER FIRST FOR THE YOUNGISH IDOLOGUE. SECOND VICE PREMIER CHANG CHUN-CHIAO HAS NOT APPEARED FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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THE KIM VISIT THOUGH IT SEEMS LIKELY HE WILL DO SO IF AND WHEN KIM ARRIVES IN CHANG'S SHANGHAI BASE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

12. LI TEH-SHENG'S FAILURE TO TURN OUT AS KIM TRANSITED LI'S SHENYANG MILITARY REGION FURTHER INDICATES THAT LI IS NOT OUT OF THE WOODS FOLLOWING HIS DEMOTION AT THE JANUARY PARTY PLENUM (WR 14). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

13. MASS ORGANIZATIONS

PREPARATIONS FOR NATIONAL MEETINGS OF CHINA'S TRADE UNION, WOMEN'S FEDERATION AND COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE, CALLED FOR LAST MONTH (WR 16), MOVED A STEP CLOSER APRIL 18 WHEN SHANTUNG BECAME THE 29TH AND FINAL PROVINCIAL-LEVEL UNIT TO CONVENE A WOMEN'S FEDERATION CONGRESS. THESE THREE MASS ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOW FULLY REBUILT AT THIS LEVEL AFTER THEIR DESTRUCTION DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION ALMOST A DECADE AGO. UNCLASSIFIED
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